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LIAISON ACTIVITIES OF THE FBI

In addition to the statutory responsibilities placed upon the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to such matters as espionage, sabotage, treason, and sedition by Presidential Directive, originally issued September 6, 1939, and last issued on July 24, 1950, the FBI was charged with general internal security responsibility. It was provided that the FBI take charge of investigative work in matters relating to espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, and related matters. The Directives also requested that all enforcement officers, both federal and state, as well as patriotic organizations and individuals, report all information in these fields to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FBI was charged with the responsibility of correlating this material and referring matters which are under the jurisdiction of any other federal agency to the appropriate agency.

In discharging these responsibilities, the FBI has established a program of research, analysis, and correlation of information received, and a close, continuing liaison with the various agencies of the federal government. Incidental to its internal security responsibility, liaison has also been established with foreign law enforcement and intelligence agencies. There are set forth herein details relating to these activities.

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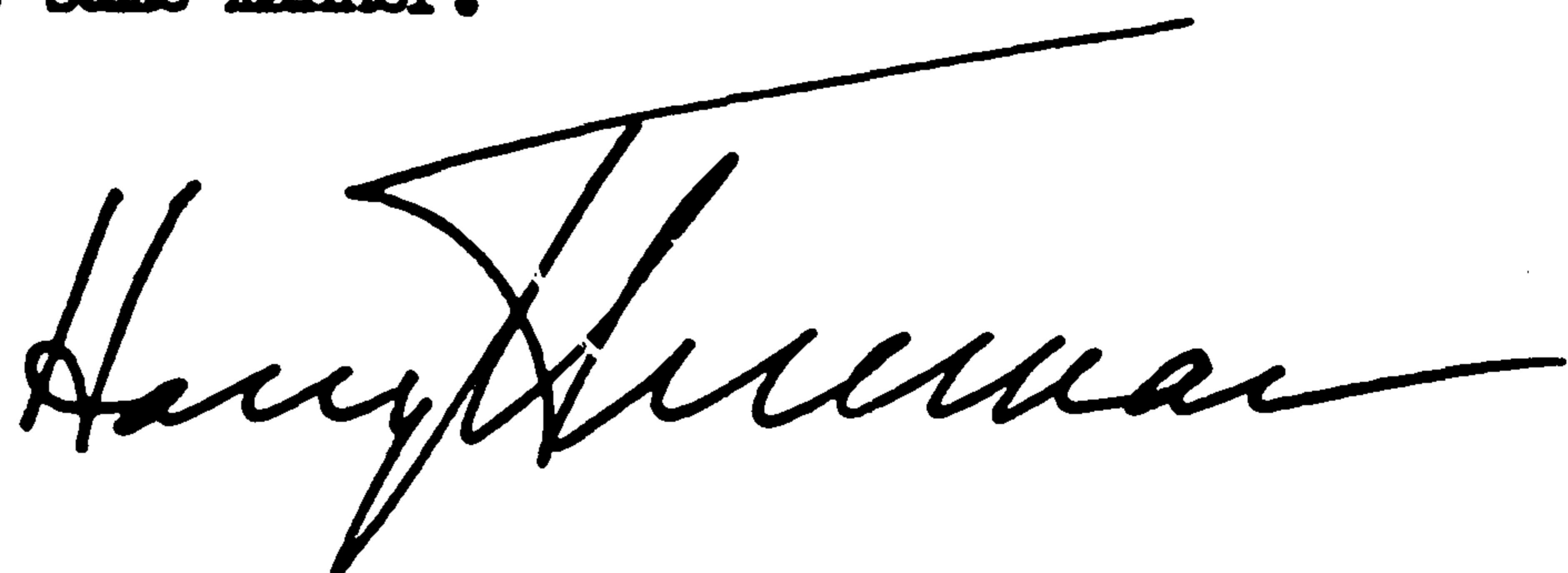
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WASHINGTON

July 24, 1950

INFORMATION RELATING TO DOMESTIC ESPIONAGE,
SABOTAGE, SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND RELATED MATTERS

On September 6, 1939 and January 8, 1943 a Presidential Directive was issued providing that the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice should take charge of investigative work in matters relating to espionage, sabotage, subversive activities and related matters. It was pointed out that the investigations must be conducted in a comprehensive manner on a National basis and all information carefully sifted out and correlated in order to avoid confusion. I should like to again call the attention of all Enforcement Officers, both Federal and State, to the request that they report all information in the above enumerated fields promptly to the nearest Field Representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which is charged with the responsibility of correlating this material and referring matters which are under the jurisdiction of any other Federal Agency with responsibilities in this field to the appropriate agency.

I suggest that all patriotic organizations and individuals likewise report all such information relating to espionage, sabotage and subversive activities to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this same manner.



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DOMESTIC LIAISON

The FBI maintains personal continuous liaison with the various U. S. Government departments, agencies, commissions and other governmental bodies. This liaison has been established over the years to further the Bureau's fulfillment of its responsibilities in the Internal Security-National Defense field to those government departments and agencies and to the Federal Government as a whole.

This liaison is conducted by specially selected Agent personnel of the FBI on a day-to-day and person-to-person basis with the officials and representatives of the other agencies. The liaison group is designed to be a flexible unit capable of shifting or expanding its contact and co-ordinating coverage as conditions warrant to obtain the best results.

The following points of contact are among those maintained on a daily basis and have proven to be of outstanding mutual benefit.

Department of State
Atomic Energy Commission
Civil Service Commission
The White House
Central Intelligence Agency
National Security Council
Department of the Treasury
Department of Commerce
Federal Civil Defense
Department of Interior
Department of Agriculture
National Security Resources Board
Department of the Navy
Department of the Army
Department of the Air Force
U. S. Coast Guard
Joint Chiefs of Staff
National Security Agency
Office of the Secretary of Defense and
its subordinate organizations
Other Miscellaneous Agencies



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI LIAISON AND CO-ORDINATION ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

ON A PERSONAL, DAILY, CONTINUING BASIS

WHITE HOUSE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF ARMY

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT OF NAVY

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF AIR FORCE

ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

COAST GUARD

FOREIGN POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE
AGENCIES (FOR INTERNAL SECURITY
PURPOSES)

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES SUCH AS
THE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL
INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE



FOREIGN LIAISON PROGRAM

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Liaison Posts Abroad:

Bureau representatives are stationed as Legal Attaches in the American Embassies at the following posts:

London, England

Paris, France

Madrid, Spain

Havana, Cuba

Mexico City, Mexico

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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Special Information Committee of NATO: This committee is composed of representatives of the various countries which are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and is designed for the exchange of information among the NATO countries on Communist activities and infiltration in the respective countries involved, the control measures taken and the legislative steps adopted to protect the internal security of each country. The FBI is the sole representative of the United States Government on this committee.

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FBI MEMBERSHIP IN INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEES

The FBI has membership on a number of committees in order to coordinate domestic intelligence and security matters as they relate to our national security. These committees operate under the National Security Council and are identified as follows:

1. The Interdepartmental Intelligence Committee, of which the Director, FBI, is Chairman, coordinates the investigation of domestic espionage, counterespionage, sabotage, and related domestic intelligence matters. The other members of this committee are the Directors of Naval Intelligence, G-2 (Intelligence) Department of the Army, and the Office of Special Investigations of the Air Force.
2. The Intelligence Advisory Committee prepares National Intelligence Estimates for the National Security Council and the President. The FBI is represented in order that domestic intelligence may be coordinated with foreign intelligence.
3. The FBI is also represented on the U.S. Evaluation Board and the U.S. Communications Intelligence Board. These are two confidential committees chartered by the National Security Council and concerned with highly classified matters.
4. The Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security is authorized to coordinate all phases of action in the internal security field, as contrasted with the Interdepartmental Intelligence Committee's responsibilities in the field of coordinating the collection of intelligence in this field. Although the Bureau is not a member of this committee, close liaison is maintained in order to coordinate the two committees' responsibilities.

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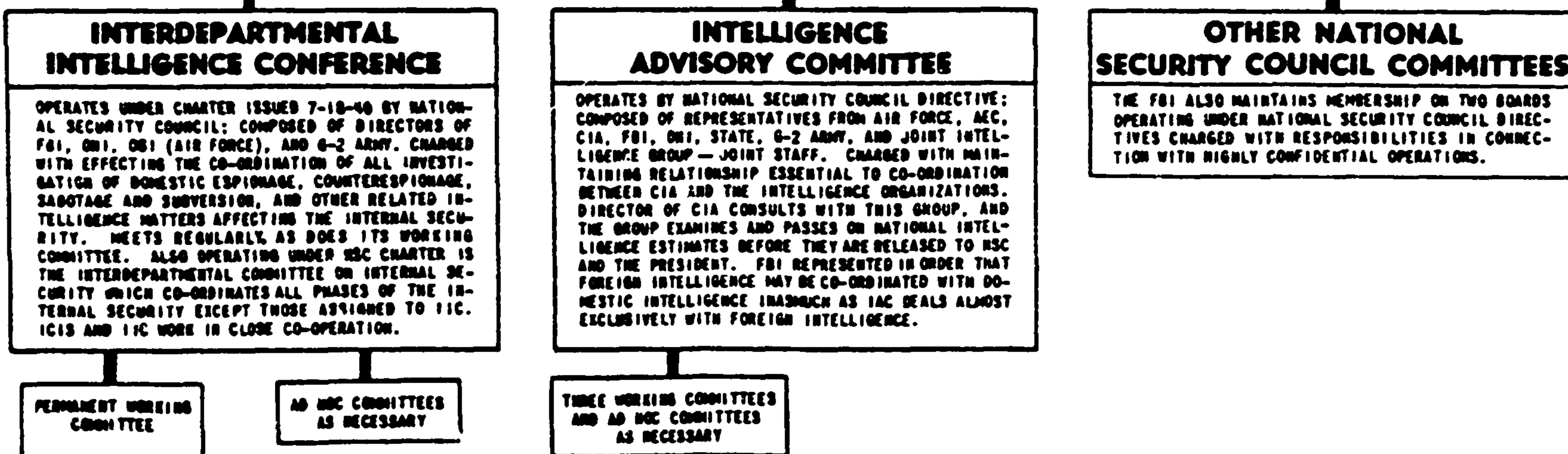
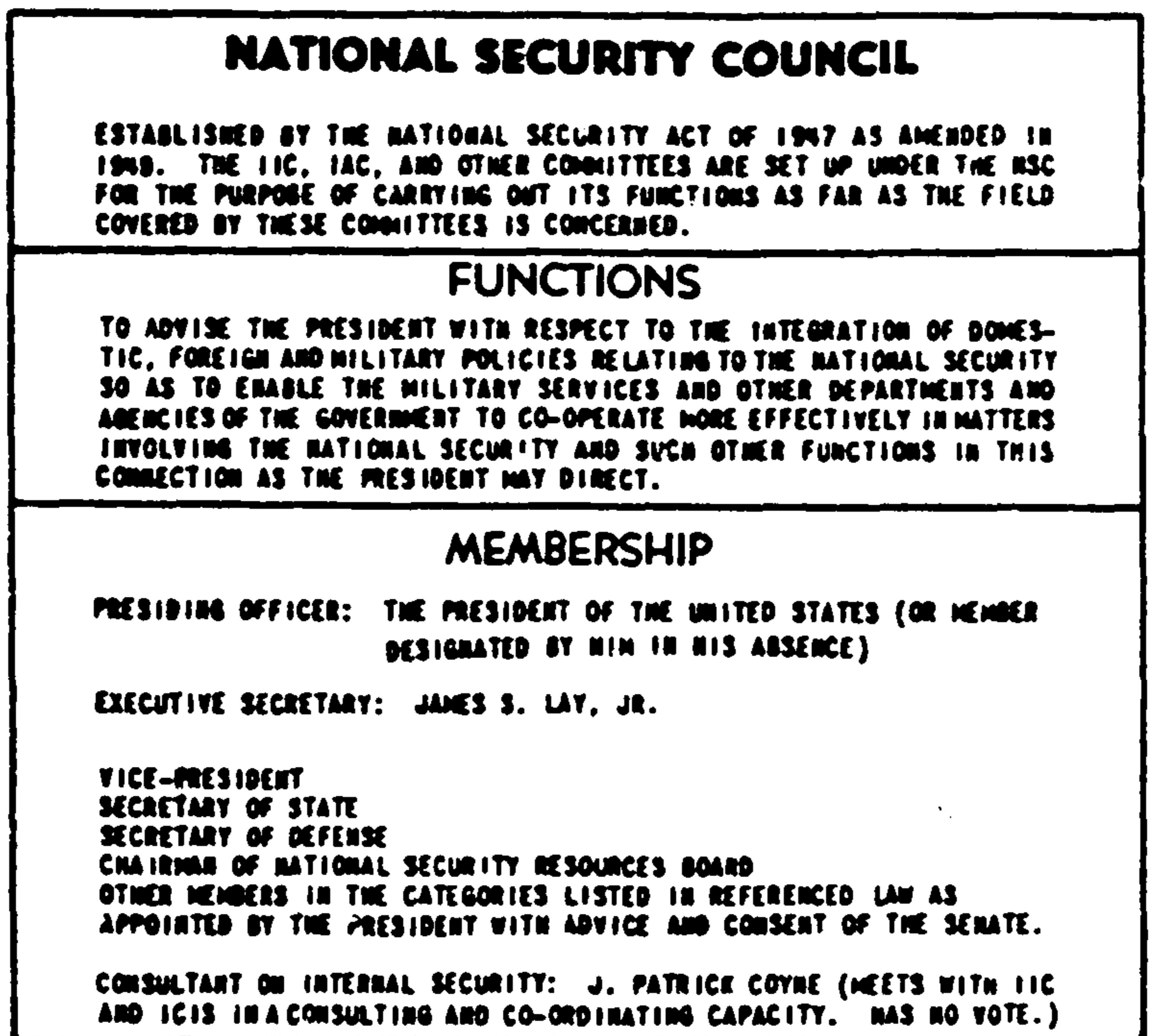
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In addition, the FBI is called upon to serve on other coordinating committees, such as those concerned with radio frequency assignments (Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee) and high-level conferences among the various intelligence agencies of friendly Governments.

CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

COMMITTEES ON SECURITY MATTERS IN WHICH FBI HAS MEMBERSHIP

THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS MEMBERSHIP ON A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY ENGAGED IN MATTERS AFFECTING THE INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES. THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE ARE SHOWN BELOW.



CENTRAL RESEARCH UNIT

The FBI has a Central Research Unit which studies the complete Communist movement in the United States, including its espionage ramifications, within an intelligence frame of reference.

The main purpose of this study is to analyze, evaluate, correlate and interpret Communist thought and practice as a whole. The emphasis is placed on viewing this subversive movement, not in fragments but in its entirety, as a pattern or configuration directed against our national security.

The sources used by the Central Research Unit in its intelligence work include (1) confidential, secret and top secret investigative reports of the FBI, of other agencies of the United States and of some foreign governments; (2) sundry related information of a non-investigative nature obtained from various places and individuals; (3) special inquiries conducted by educational institutions and Foundations; and (4) general public sources, both Communist and non-Communist, domestic and foreign.

The results of these studies are prepared in permanent monograph form and are distributed to interested government officials having national defense responsibilities. Many letters have been received from these officials stating how useful the information furnished to them has been in the operations of their own organizations.

Copies of these monographs are also distributed to all field offices of the FBI, where most of them are of value not alone in this Bureau's work but also relative to instructing law enforcement officers throughout the country.

In addition, the Central Research Unit prepares and delivers, on request, various lectures on numerous aspects of the Communist movement to Army, Navy and Air Force groups in different sections of the country.

The titles of some of the studies written in the Central Research Unit are as follows:

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FILE CHECKS FOR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

The FBI, in discharging its responsibilities in the internal security field in response to requests from other Government agencies in the Executive Branch, furnishes information from FBI files concerning individuals and organizations. The FBI's responsibility and authority for furnishing such information are based upon Presidential Directives, the National Security Act of 1947 and the instructions of the Attorney General.

The Presidential Directives referred to charged the FBI with the responsibility of correlating information regarding espionage, sabotage, subversive activities and related matters on a national basis and of referring matters under the jurisdiction of any other Federal agencies in these fields to the appropriate agencies.

During the fiscal year 1952, over 1,250,000 name checks were made for other agencies of the Government in addition to the names checked under the Federal Employees Loyalty Program. By reason of this function of checking its files for the various agencies in the Executive Branch, the FBI is inescapably tied in with all national defense matters. These inquiries are received from the White House, the Attorney General, Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard intelligence divisions, the CIA and many other miscellaneous Federal Government agencies.

The inquiries from the other agencies concern, among others, persons of interest to, or being considered by, the President or other high Government officials; persons being considered for access to confidential information or for access to restricted areas; persons and organizations doing business with, or otherwise of interest to, the other Government agencies; persons being considered for deportation and applicants for naturalization; persons who have requested the issuance of passports or visas and persons considered under the Coast Guard's Port Security Program.

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